



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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Children Committee

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<p>H.R. No. 11 RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO RATIFY THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD</p>
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The Department of Children and Families **supports** H.R. No. 11, Resolution Memorializing the United States Congress to Ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. This resolution memorializes Congress to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, with appropriate reservations where it is in conflict with United States law.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted in 1989 and took effect in September 1990, after it was ratified by the required number of nations. There are 193 countries that are a party to the Convention, including every member of the United Nations except Somalia, South Sudan, and the United States.

We believe that the contents of the Convention are consistent with state and federal law regarding child welfare and the time has come for the United States to ratify this international agreement.